

## A VAST POLITICAL MACHINE

By J. H. DAVIS.

The people of the United States ought to realize that the Catholic church is nothing more than a VAST POLITICAL MACHINE with a religious annex. Only this and nothing more. That is all there is to the church of Rome. A big political machine with a pretended regard for Jesus Christ and his doctrines.

And this should be kept standing at the head of all truly American journals.

The Catholic church does nothing but politics. It is in the game to do politics. If it did not do politics it would soon lose its hold in America as it has lost out in every other country on the footstool.

The Romanish church does NOT teach pure and unadulterated religion—the religion of the Nazarene. Its religion is a fake and a pretense. In its schools, first of all is the Catholic catechism. The first thing the children are taught is the catechism and to believe that the Catholic church is the only true church; that it alone is the church of God; that the pope is God's viceroy on earth, and that all other churches are false, are heretical and their followers doomed to hell. That is what Catholic schools are maintained for. Not to teach the children things really beneficial to them, but to make them Catholics first and citizens afterwards. But the duty to the church and obedience to the pope are the first and main requisites.

And all the while these smooth, pussy-footing priests and cardinals are doing politics for all there is in it. Control of the United States is the object of the pope. And the only way to control the United States is through politics. And the papists are making great headway in that direction, thanks to the sleepy Protestant churches.

When I was a boy every Protestant church in the land was hurling thunderbolts at the papal church. The "scarlet coated woman of John's revelation" was hurled weekly from the pulpits at the church of Rome. But the thing came. The Catholic church got into politics and the political preachers of the Protestant churches were told that it would "hurt the party" if they continued their war on the Catholic church. And the Protestant churches in accordance to the wishes of the politicians, began to treat the Jesuits nicely and respectfully, until now there is little difference between the Catholic church and the Protestant churches except in points of doctrine.

What a great leveler is politics! And what strange bed-fellows does politics invite and make! Protestantism lying down to Rome! What would good Martin Luther say were he on earth today? What would all the Protestant reformers say could they see the attitude of the Protestant churches today with reference to the papacy?

And the whole thing is politics with a big P. Before President Cleveland there were never any Catholic chaplains in the American army or navy. Never! But when McKinley became president the Catholic chaplains multiplied fast, and the papal church representatives in American affairs increased faster under Roosevelt and Taft, until now the Catholic church has so many representatives in our government affairs as to be a grave and serious menace to the perpetuity of American institutions.

And all through politics and the bid for the Catholic vote, Governors, presidents, legislators, have sold their country for Catholic votes. This is undeniable. We see it everywhere.

Look in Massachusetts where the Protestant governor has appointed ten Catholic judges to the higher courts which might have and should have gone to Protestants, people of the same faith as the governor.

That's politics. And none know how to play politics better than the sly, smooth, pretended-pious, pussy-footing Jesuits! And the fellows who are after office fall easy prey to Romish wiles in the matter of politics.

And look at our public schools! Here is a very grave matter which requires earnest thought and prompt action. Gradually, but surely, Catholic teachers are displacing our Protestant teachers in all the states. Do you know this, Protestants? If so, what are you doing about it? Are

you making any effort to throw out these TOOLS of the papacy and fill their places with American teachers? And some of these Jesuit teachers are teaching in the garb of their orders!

Great God! What are the American people coming to when they allow this? Catholic school teachers in Protestant communities where the Protestants are largely in the majority! Catholics teaching Protestant children. The Bible thrown out of the schools and Jesuit teachers installed therein! Teaching in the garb of convents!

This is politics! Are American citizens going to stand for such politics much longer? A religious war? No, we do not want that. And it would not be a religious war if war should come of it. It would be simply a political war to oust the pope out of control of the politics of America. That's all.

The most radical American does not want to interfere with the RELIGION of any one. Never! All we want is that the pope and the priests keep out of American politics and attend strictly to the duty of making their adherents better citizens, good citizens, God-fearing and Christ-loving citizens. That is all. Hands out of our politics, Jesuits!

The "Guardians of Liberty" and all who are good Americans do not propose to, nor have they in any way interfered with the RELIGION of any people. The Guardians of Liberty, the loyal American citizens, those who are opposed to a union of church and state, those who are opposed to sectarian schools and who glory in our free schools as the bulwark of liberty, would hamper or hinder no one in the matter of worship, believing that all should worship God in the way of his own choice. But the good American citizen does stand against and will forever stand against making this land of the free, Roman Catholic, which is the sole aim, mission, object and endeavor of the pope of Rome and his black-robed militia, who do politics with a thin veneer of so-called Christianity which does not fool the people, not all the people, in this age.

So, then, it should be understood, definitely and clearly understood, that the church of Rome is only a vast political machine whose life work is to do politics, as through politics alone can Rome conquer. This is the history of the red-handed Jesuitical gang in every country where they have had a foothold. And there is no country where they have had a foothold they have not tried to destroy. This is history. Plain, unvarnished history.

And, as the soldiers of the pope have been driven from most all European countries, they have found lodging in the United States and are hard at work doing politics for the subjugation of the land made free by the blood of the Pilgrim fathers and the soldiers of the American Revolution. And it should be borne in mind that the pope of Rome made haste to recognize the Southern Confederacy in the early stage of the war, hoping that the American republic would be destroyed.

Yes, my brethren, Rome is doing politics. That's what the pope is in America for—to do politics. You all know the "religion" of the papal rank is MONEY and POWER. And they are hoodwinking Americans through politics and through their parochial schools and in every conceivable manner. And the Catholic papers are getting bolder and bolder, and now they do not hesitate to declare they intend to conquer America for the pope.

Will you submit, fellow Americans? Watch politics and politicians. And boycott all politicians who are tainted with Romanism. There are many good, honest Catholics in the papal church. They only have the wool pulled over their eyes, and would be Americans if they understood things as Americans understand.

Certainly, the Catholic church, the priests, cardinals—"Princes of the Blood" (?) the Jesuits and all the pack ARE IN POLITICS, which is their entire trade.

## HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

By a Catholic Priest, but not Roman.

I AM a priest of the Protestant Episcopal church, and have felt for sometime that something like the work The Menace is now doing is necessary to wake up the people of this country from the lethargy into which they have fallen.

I am glad to note that you, as a rule, use the words "Romanist" and "Roman Catholic" in your paper, for those are the proper designations to use. In the early days of the Primitive church she called herself the "Holy Catholic church" because the Greek word "katholikos" means "Universal" and the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to the apostles and disciples was "to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"—intending it for all nations and people.

The Holy Spirit came down into the church on the day of Pentecost, so it was very properly called the Holy Catholic church.

We find no evidence in the early Catholic church of a pope. The New Testament was written by the first apostles who were sent by our Lord, and if St. Peter had been made pope by Him they certainly would have known something about it. The New Testament clearly teaches that all the apostles had the same authority. The officers of the church were apostles, presbyters and deacons. They were also called bishops, priests and deacons.

The founding of a Universal or Catholic church had been prophesied hundreds of years before by the prophet Isaiah and that the ministers should be called priests, and that the sacrifice would be offered at the Altar of God in all parts of the world for all the people.

Both the Jewish church and the Holy Catholic church have an official priest-hood representative of the people. The apostle says: "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law." (Heb. 7:12). He does not say the priesthood is abrogated, but changed from a Levitical priesthood, offering a bloody sacrifice to an apostolic priesthood offering a memorial sacrifice of the body

and blood of Christ. (See Greek of Rom. 15:15-16 in which St. Paul speaks of himself as a priest of God's Gospel.—20th Century New Testament).

In Hebrew 13:10 the Apostle says: "We have an altar whereof they have no right to eat, which serve the tabernacle." An altar calls for a priest. The great weakness of all anti-Romanists today are their divisions at which Romanists are laughing in their sleeves. The Roman church is more afraid of the church of England, and her daughter, the Episcopal church in the United States and Scotland, also the Church of Ireland, than any other Christian body, because they meet and grapple with her on her own ground, and prove from scripture and history that the Roman church has neither the original government of the Holy Catholic church nor the original Catholic faith.

The early Catholic church did not pray to the Virgin Mary—did not teach transubstantiation—the material presence in the Holy Communion—did not teach paying money for masses to pray souls out of Purgatory—did not teach the celibacy of the priesthood (as the bishops and priests married if they wished to do so, just as the high priest and priests married in the Jewish church if he desired)—nor did they teach kneeling and praying before images, etc.

This pope business was practically forced upon the bishops after the year 400 A. D. by the emperors at Rome. In the East the bishops refused to accept the usurpation, and the Greek Catholic church has never been under the bishop of Rome.

In England there was more or less independence until after William the Conqueror, in 1066 A. D. In 1215 A. D. Magna Charta said: "The Church of England shall have her liberties free and inviolate." In 1534, aided by the wicked King VIII, the Church of England restored the original Catholic government of the church, and the original Catholic faith; the same reformation was accomplished in Norway and Sweden by the help of the king. The old Catholic church was reformed.

The spirit of the Roman church has always been to grasp after worldly power and influence. It aims to be a great world power with a little religion mixed in. We dare not forget the massacre of St. Bartholomew in France, and the burning of 277 in England during the reign of Queen Mary, and the Inquisition.

It is also true that other Christian bodies had not learned the lesson of toleration. I doubt not there are many good bishops and priests in the Roman church, but the festering sore is the celibacy of the priesthood and the nunneries which should be under government supervision.

One of our priests who was a Roman priest for over twenty years has said enough to me to convince me that what the escaped nuns say is true. He said, "I think they mean to be good women, but you know what will happen if a man and woman are thrown

very intimately together. He gets her love and confidence and she never sees any other man." He also said: "One priest never trusts another priest. They are afraid to talk because in every diocese the bishop appoints priests who are to report to him any independence or liberty of thought or action and they are punished by being sent to some small parish in the country."

The charts that are used in the Indian schools in the West, and supported by the United States government, represent two streams, one white, which they call "The Catholic Church"—running straight through purgatory to heaven, another, a dark stream, with side branches running from the main stream, which goes straight to hell and there is no possible way to get out. These side streams are marked "Calvin," "Luther," etc. This is the character of the teaching the government of the United States is supporting! It is damnable.

The Roman church is throwing its whole voting strength to control this government, and the so-called Protestant, who lend himself to their schemes is a traitor to freedom and liberty. It is time all anti-Romanists were getting together and waking up.

[The Menace gives place to the foregoing letter so as to present the Episcopal point of view and to make the distinction between Catholic church and Roman Catholic church clear cut. The article confirms the absurdity of Peter as pope and residence in Rome, as chief bishop.]

## P. O. S. of A. RESOLUTIONS

By Washington Camp No. 14 Patriotic Order Sons of America—Americus, Ga., July 15th, 1912.

WHEREAS, The founders of the American republic did with great wisdom and foresight lay down as a great fundamental principle of this government, that there should be a complete separation of church and state; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that upon the maintenance of this great principle depends absolutely the civil and religious liberties of the American people; and,

WHEREAS, The American people only have to look back into history for a moment to discover that the union of church and state, or any suspicion thereof inevitably led to revolution, bloodshed, oppression and disaster in the end to many countries that even so much as tasted thereof; and,

WHEREAS, The true American citizen can but look with alarm upon much that is done in our national affairs of today, that smacks strongly of the union of church and state; and,

WHEREAS, It is directly in conflict with the fundamental law of the American republic for teachers employed in the public schools to wear any uniform, garb, or insignia of any

order, or religious sect of any kind whatsoever; and,

WHEREAS, This being so, we are nevertheless confronted with a serious condition of affairs in the Indian schools of the West now in charge of the United States government that is in direct violation of law by the Catholic teachers in said schools, persisting in wearing the uniforms and insignia of nuns and priests of the Catholic church; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Valentine recognizing that such was a violation of law, and being a true officer of the American people, did issue an order forbidding the wearing of any uniform, garb or insignia, sectarian or otherwise, in the schools aforesaid; and,

WHEREAS, President William H. Taft, upon the protest of either said teachers, or others at interest, doubtless Catholics, did suspend Commissioner Valentine's order, thus showing a tendency to domination by the Catholic political powers, even to the extent of holding up an order of an officer in his endeavor to enforce a fundamental law; and,

WHEREAS, It now seems that for the faithful performance of his plain duties to the American people, Commissioner Valentine is in great disfavor with President Taft, who it appears is being influenced to have this valuable officer ousted from office. Now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, First: That we, Washington Camps Nos. 14 and 24, Patriotic Order Sons of America of the city of Americus, Ga., and representing some one thousand American citizens, do most heartily commend the action of Commissioner Valentine in his endeavor to enforce the law as a true officer should, and we urge upon him that it is the desire, we believe, of practically all of the American citizens, that he remain at his post of duty and that he do not allow himself to be intimidated or persuaded to resign.

RESOLVED, Second: That we call upon all true Americans to back up an officer that is trying to do his duty by you in the enforcement of your laws.

RESOLVED, Third: That we do most earnestly protest against and condemn the action of President Taft in suspending the order of Commissioner Valentine in the matter under discussion.

RESOLVED, Fourth: That we direct the attention of the American people to the conduct of President Taft in this matter, and call upon them to earnestly protest against the hindrance of an officer in the proper discharge of his duty, and against the efforts that are now apparently being made to oust him from office.

RESOLVED, Fifth: That copies of these resolutions be furnished Commissioner Valentine, William H. Taft, president of the United States, and the press.

## Salvation For a Price

There are seven sacraments, says the Romanist, and these are channels of grace and mercy, and without them there is no salvation. The Roman Catholic church is the custodian of these and she gives and refuses at her pleasure.

Herein lurks religious graft. Statesmen say that monopoly means tyranny, and if the hierarchy holds this religious monopoly we may with certainty discover the tyranny and oppression, and so it is at this day.

The Menace is not objecting to the seven sacraments of Rome; these to be paid for by the laity when received:

Baptism,  
Confirmation,  
The Mass,  
Confession or Holy Eucharist,  
Extreme Unction,  
Holy Orders,  
Matrimony.

To the above may be added burial in consecrated ground and prayers for the dead, and masses to shorten the time of the soul's stay in purgatory, etc., ad libitum.

If you ask a priest if one must pay— is compelled to pay—as a condition of being made a partaker of the grace given by the church, they say, "No." But to convince yourself that they mean "you must pay," just refuse the fee, and see what will happen.

Just what this graft means, investigate the workings of Romanism in countries where they hold full sway, and witness the poverty of the people who often are too poor to pay the marriage fee and live without the ordinance.

Well, the graft is being worked in this country and our sympathy is for those who out of their extreme poverty feel compelled to buy salvation, when we know that "Heaven is given away for the asking."

A clipping sent from Wallace, Idaho, dated March 6th, gives an account of a suit brought in the local court by one Father F. A. Becker of St. Alphonsus, against Mrs. Adam Golsong for the price of services at a funeral. He first demanded \$10.00 which was refused and the widow delaying in payment found that the price had been raised to \$25.00 when she offered the ten dollars, and that nothing less would be accepted. This amount she declined to pay and the priest brought suit for the whole amount of \$25.00 with interest from the date of the husband's death, at the rate of 7 per cent.

It is the merchandising of religion that offends decency and mocks God's love for humanity.

Does The Menace find fault with the Roman Catholic religion? Of course not, but its mercenary administration, as though man—a priest—could stand at Heaven's gate and demand a price. This is shocking to many American Catholics whose eyes are gradually opening to the enormities of Rome's selfishness and absurd claims.

Of thirty different countries bankrupt in the 19th century, 18 were Catholic. How does this back Rome's claim of promoting the prosperity of nations?

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## A PIOUS POPE

By HAROLD BANNING.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS of July 19th contains an interesting article on Pope Alexander VI., the gentleman who poisoned some wine for his guests and then drank it himself by mistake causing his own death, and the serious illness of his infamous son, Caesar Borgia. The article was written by the celebrated author Andrew Lang, whose death shocked the literary world.

It was Alexander VI. who placed a nude statue of his favorite mistress on the tomb of Pope Paul III. The same lady, Bella Farnese, posed as the Blessed Virgin with Alexander at her feet. Pope Pius IX. had many of the nude statues including Bella's, draped, using light metal, painted to resemble marble. This light drapery can be removed whenever the "vicar of Christ" wishes to see his art treasures.

The Illustrated London News of above date publishes a photograph of the statue in question. The statues were draped to please American visitors, but since the establishment of parochial schools in the United States the American visitors are not so fastidious.

Referring to another pope's trial, the great historian Gibbon says: "The graver charges were dropped and the vicar of Christ was only found guilty of murder, incest, piracy, arson, and so forth."

"There can be no morality without religion," said Cardinal Gibbons.

A brilliant woman once said that popes change their names when elected not wishing to involve their families in the discredit.

Any one who reads the newspapers at all must be alarmed by the fact that in no nation of Europe does the Roman church meddle in politics as much as it does in the United States where both the leading parties appealed to the same church to open their conventions. This grotesque spectacle recalls Major Butt's heroic death on the Titanic. Surely "religion has been dragged into politics" as Cardinal Gibbons puts it in his denial of the charge.

## Catholic Papers Against Wilson

The Minneapolis Daily News of July 27th says that "Three Twin City publications are among one hundred foreign language journals of the United States who have joined in a circular opposing the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson, democratic nominee for president." A correspondent in Minneapolis says they are all Catholic papers and enemies of free institutions.

The News seems to take great pleasure in publishing what Governor Wilson says in his history of the American people as follows:

Now there came multitudes of men of the lowest class from the south of Italy, and men of the meaner sort out of Hungary and Poland, as if the countries of the south of Europe were disburdening themselves of the more sordid and hapless elements of their population." And further: "The Chinese were more to be desired as workmen, if not as citizens, than most of the crowd that came crowding in every year." The unlikely fellows who came in at the eastern ports were tolerated because they usurped no place but the very lowest in the scale of labor.

"The air was filled with anarchy, and the cities were filling up with foreigners of the sort who speak treason." Most people who are not affected by the papist bias will approve of what the governor said. To make America the dumping ground without restriction in immigration is certainly destructive of free institutions, especially when we know that the people Mr. Wilson speaks of are not only of the lowest class from Southern Italy, Hungary and Poland, but are the slaves of Rome to do the pope's bidding in America.

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